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CCC Turns Christmas Trees into Fish Habitat

Thursday, Jan. 13, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Lake Oroville

Calif. Conservation Corps Director Visits CCC Fish Habitat Project

California Conservation Corps Director Will Semmes, appointed by Governor Schwarzenegger last year, will get a close-up look at the work of Chico corpsmembers involved in an Oroville Dam project during his first visit to the area Thursday.

Who: Thirty corpsmembers from the CCC's Chico Satellite.

What: Under the direction of the Department of Water Resources (DWR), corpsmembers will be creating new fish habitat along the shore of the lake by recycling Christmas trees. The trees are placed in a pyramid structure and secured to the banks with stakes and cables. This creates hiding spots for the small fish and helps improve the fish population. In the spring when the lake level is higher, the trees will be fully covered with water. The CCC has been involved with this project through DWR for more than 10 years.

Where: Oroville Dam
To reach the crew, cross the dam, turn right at kiosk, follow signs to boat ramp, drive down the ramp to the lower lot.

When: Thursday, January 13, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Contact Tuesday afternoon: Lynda Burkhalter of the CCC.

The CCC's Chico Satellite employs 30 local men and women, ages 18 to 25, for a year of natural resource work and emergency response. They work throughout Butte County as well as Lassen, Plumas, Sutter and Tehama counties, for project sponsors such as the City of Chico, the Town of Paradise, Caltrans, California State Parks, the Dept. of Fish and Game and the U.S. Forest Service.

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